

[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

(c) if not, why not ;

(d) whether the deposit amounts furnished by those who had submitted tenders for the supply of salt for one year (1109) were returned on the cancellation of those tenders ; and

(e) whether the deposit amount of any one was retained in the office after the cancellation of tenders submitted for the supply of Bombay salt for one year (1109) ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (a) As per notice dated the 16th September 1933, published in the Gazette dated the 26th September 1933.

(b) Yes.

(c) In view of the answer to part (b), this does not arise:

(d) Of the two tenderers, the earnest money of one was returned. As his representative who came to present the tender did not produce any power of attorney, the money was returned to his principal by money order.

(e) The deposit money of the other tenderer was placed under Revenue Deposit, as he did not apply for the refund of the same.

Assistant Excise Commissioners.

319. *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*) : (a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war return of the Assistant Excise Commissioners ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Ezhava has at any time been appointed as an Assistant Excise Commissioner ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (a) A statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

(b) No.

Removal of royal trees on private holdings.

320. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing :

(a) the number, cubic contents and cost of royal trees cut down from private holdings in each Range since 1st Chingom 1109 up to date (6-11-1109/20-6-1934) ;

(b) the number, cubic contents and cost of royal trees cut down from reserves during the same period ;

(c) the number, cubic contents and cost realised of royal trees' timber on an average during the last three years and

(d) the arrears of *Kudivila* in each Range ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (a), (b) and (c) The information required is furnished in the statement laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII

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